

Bad Goalkicking In Torrens Win

In spite of poor kicking for goal, Torrens defeated Port in the main league football match today. But Sturt's win over North put them above the blue-and-golds at the head of the premiership list.

Glenelg provided an upset in defeating West and moved from sixth to fourth, with West dropping from third to fifth. Norwood are third with a win over South, who extended the redlegs in the first half.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens . . .	1—5	6—11	8—18	12—24	96
Port . . .	5—3	6—9	9—9	12—9	81

By Roy Colmer

TORRENS showed amazing speed and stamina as well as shocking inaccuracy in beating Port by 15 points at Thebarton Oval. It was an exciting game, with Torrens clinching their win in the closing minutes.

Port appeared to have a good win in sight when they gained a 28-point lead in the first quarter. Many times after that they steadied themselves to drive through, but were unable to maintain balance under the drive and determination of the blue-and-golds.

Some of Torrens' singles were due to players sacrificing balance to speed. Many were misses from easy positions.

Torrens should not have needed a desperate finishing effort to win. They raced Port to the ball from first bell to last. Two points separated the teams with five minutes to play. Torrens beat off three hot attacks, threw everything they had into the game, and won.

Umpire Staker was in charge, and I have not seen so many glaring breaches of the rules go unpenalised in recent years. There were times when the crushes resembled an all-in wrestling match.

It was a tribute to the teams that no incidents developed from the extremely loose control.

Low gave one of his best league displays to be best for Torrens, held a half-back flank in the first half and centre half-back in the second, when Cox was shifted to goalkeeper to check Bob McLean.

Bill Hank played strongly at close quarters, and handled the ball safely in the open going. Edwards held control of a centre wing all day, and Oates did fine work at half-back. H. McKenzie roved with dash and cleverness, Hodgins shouldered heavy work in the packs, and Cox must be ranked among the best for his fine play in the first half.

Mick Gates was best for Port with fast, determined roving. Carr was little behind him with safe work in a back pocket. Marrett was the pick of Port followers, though not as effective as in earlier games. Laurie Gates gave his brother sound support with the roving.

Bob McLean deserves inclusion in the pick for Port, because of his eight goals. Nicholls was a star in the first half, and L. McLean did well in the open going over the last part of the game.

Scorers—Torrens: Mehaffey 4.6, Glastonbury 3.1, Hodgins 2.1, Ashby 1.6, H. McKenzie 1.5, Wood 1.1, Coverlid 0.1, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.2. Port: R. McLean 8.3, Nicholls 2.0, L. Gates 1.1, M. Gates 1.1, Boyd 0.3, Clarke 0.1.

Sturt Lasted Well To Defeat North

By Ray Barber

In a good game spoilt by bad umpiring, Sturt lasted better to beat North by 24 points at Unley Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt . . .	3—4	6—5	8—14	11—18	84
North . . .	1—3	4—8	5—11	8—12	60

Umpire G. A. Dayman let the game go, and missed glaring frees.

To half-time it was an even tussle with Sturt just in front because of fewer mistakes.

Sturt won the match in the third term, when Langley inspired them periodically to keep the forward area open. Crawley and Yeo proved stumbling blocks to North progress at half-back.

North looked dangerous many times when their big men gave them impetus, but they were not steady enough in front of centre.

Langley, although not so nippy as of yore, is still roving grandly. He took some spectacular marks.

Jack Giles, in the back pocket, was brilliant, and finished off his work with long drop-kicks.

Wickham has settled into the Sturt side, and, roving for the first time, gave admirable support for Langley. Schober plugged along, and he had a good aid in Kearns, another giant.

Sturt's centre position problem is settled with the advent of Southern, the ex-Victorian. He is a polished footballer. Thomas and Baker went well on the centre wings.

Ron Phillips was like a beacon for North. He thrashed Pike for three quarters, and always did something useful when clearing.

Skipper McKay was on his game with good high-marking, but he spoilt his ground work with hurried kicking. O'Leary and Pedlar battled gamely against strong odds in the ruck, while Arbon was often useful on the fringes. Kennedy gave a good display of goalkeeping.

Tuckey did well to get four goals against the vigorous Tilley, and also took a turn in the ruck. Griffen was useful at centre, and McKenzie looked promising in a back pocket.

Scorers—Sturt: Wickham 3.4, Cave 3.2, Langley 1.3, Schober 1.2, Willis 1.2, Pike 1.1, Ryan 1.0, Hillary 0.1, rushed 0.3. North: Tuckey 4.3, Arbon 2.0, McKay 1.5, Pedlar 1.0, Coulls 0.2, Beeching 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Premiership List

	P.	W.	L.	Points for	Points agt.	Pr. pts.
Sturt	5	4	1	496	419	8
Torrens	5	4	1	561	479	8
Norwood	5	4	1	534	464	8
Glenelg	5	3	2	553	518	6
West	5	3	2	553	542	6
Port	5	2	3	499	430	4
North	5	—	5	478	536	—
South	5	—	5	358	644	—

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	9	35
Farrow (Norwood)	4	25
Tuckey (North)	4	24
Mehaffey (Torrens)	4	23
A. R. McLean (Port)	8	15
Langley (Sturt)	1	14
Parsons (Torrens)	—	14

Glenelg's Win Was No Fluke

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

From start to finish of the West Adelaide-Glenelg game at Adelaide Oval, Glenelg played far better football than their opponents.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg . . .	4—6	9—9	14—10	17—16	118
West . . .	4—3	8—5	11—12	14—19	103

Glenelg were so thoroughly masters of the situation—except for a brief spell in the third quarter—that they could have won by more if their over-eagerness when ahead in the closing stages had not resulted in hasty kicking.

From the start, they settled West's hash in the rucks. They blanketed Colin Smith, played to Boyall at half-forward as soon as it was seen he was in form, and Donaldson, in his unaccustomed role of centreman, played the position as if born to it.

The Bays kept the game open, gave goalsneak Churchett ample room for manoeuvre, and as they sensed victory, "kicked on" with rare determination.

In the third quarter West took the bit in their teeth for a while after Glenelg kicked five goals from six shots; but West could get only 1—6 from their seven successive shots.

Glenelg Stars

Picking Glenelg's best man from Laffin, Boyall, Donaldson, and Churchett is a task only for connoisseurs. Laffin and Boyall, with strong help from Crabb and Link (until injured),

shut out West's sometimes powerful rucks.

Churchett earned his nine goals by brainy leading, good marking, and accurate kicking from any angle.

However, my No. 1 choice is Donaldson, because of his brilliance at centre in the first half.

Hausen roved well all day. Window and Hunt didn't miss a trick, and Robjent at centre half-back, broke about even with Braidwood. The Bays had few passengers.

Not so West, for whom rover Williams was outstanding. He was the only red-and-black to show determination and skill consistently. Braidwood marked well at centre half-forward, but kicked poorly.

Zeuner (ruck) played well in patches, Slattery (roving) and Beaton (wing and centre), and Agars were best of the rest.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 9.4, Laffin 2.2, Crabb 2.0, Link 1.0, McPherson 1.0, Grimwood 1.1, Manning 1.0, Window 0.1, Boyall 0.3, Hausen 0.2, Wallis 0.1, rushed 0.2. West: Slattery 4.1, Coad 4.1, Braidwood 2.4, Cannon 1.5, Taylor 1.0, Beaton 1.0, Williams 1.2, Zeuner 0.4, Mackay 0.1, Atkins 0.1.

Redlegs Win After Scare

By Colin Hay

South gave Norwood a fright for the first half at Kensington. Then the redlegs outplayed them and won by 59 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1.3	7.6	14.11	20.14	134
South	2.4	5.5	9.6	11.9	75

It was a heartening display by South, who showed glimpses of brilliant system.

Norwood were not really wound up until the third quarter.

Johns was Norwood's best for his cool play in goal. His spoiling was best seen for a long time. Burke was solid in ruck all day, and Whitford and Bell held the centre wings to give Norwood open avenues.

Oatey, quickly getting back into his best form, roved dashingly. Matthews gave another sound ruck display until injured. Holmesby was like a rock in a back pocket, and

Mayo gave an indication of his true worth with a magnificent second half.

Deane's intelligent leading, excellent position, and marking allowed him to control centre half-forward and shut out Williams. He was South's best.

Pryor again played well in goal and spectacularly out-marked Farrow in the second quarter.

Hickinbotham was too strong for Blackmore at centre, and Laphorne's roving was classy. Ward (ruck), Linke (centre half-back), and Daniel (ruck and defence) were best of the rest.

Scorers—Norwood: Farrow 4.2, Williams 3.2, Trestrail 3.1, Mayo 2.3, Burke 2.2, Danse 2.2, Dalwood 2.0, Oatey 1.1, Matthews 1.0, rushed 1 pt. South: Allen 3.4, Laphorne 3.2, Deane 2.1, Ward 2.1, Thiel 1.0, Bolland 0.1.

DAVID Yeo's car broke down at Abattoirs on his way to Unley Oval. He "thumbed" a ride to the city, hired a taxi, and partly changed in it. Sturt were without his services for the first couple of minutes.

Crabb, Glenelg half-forward, flattened the ball when he kicked the Bays' first goal at Adelaide Oval. The crowd laughed when the boundary umpire raced back with a limp leather case.

Port went to Thebarton Oval equipped to overcome gas restrictions. Their trainers took a tin kettle with them, built a fireplace with two bricks be-

hind the grandstand, and boiled the kettle.

Manning, Bay wingman, kicked one of the flukiest goals today. He shot from half-forward, and the sun apparently hit West defenders and a Bay team-mate in the eyes. They seemed to lose sight of the ball, which bounced over their heads and between the posts.